



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 9676**
Mieko SAKAI et al. : **Docket No. 2001-0489A**
Serial No. 09/830,060 : **Group Art Unit 1714**
Filed July 23, 2001 : **Examiner K.W. Lee**

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of May 21, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: